

REMARKS

At the time the office action was mailed, claims 1-19 and 30-34 were pending. Claims 12-19 were allowed, claims 5, 10 and 32-34 were objected to and claims 1-4, 6-9, 11, 30 and 31 were rejected. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowance of claims 12-19. Based on the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, claims 1, 32, 33 and 34 have been amended and claims 5, 11, 30 and 31 have been canceled. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-4, 6-10, 12-19 and 32-34 are now in condition for allowance.

In view of the allowable subject matter, Applicants have chosen to place the application in condition for allowance. However, it should be noted that Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's rejections. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 32-34 have been placed in independent form by incorporating the subject matter previously recited in independent claim 11. Claim 11 have been canceled. Further, claims 30 and 31, previously dependent on claim 11, were also canceled. Independent claim 12 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 17.

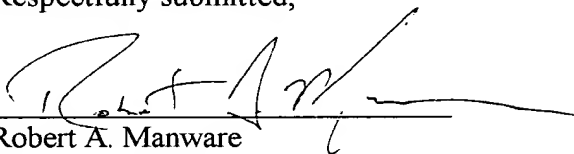
Conclusion

In view of the remarks and amendments set forth above, Applicants accept allowance of claims 12-19, respectfully request allowance of claims 1-4, 6-10 and 32-34.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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